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E-Mail Policy
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately five million Google passwords were leaked online by the hackers. If so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has instructed all its departments to not use Google mail for transferring official data; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure that private mail addresses are not used for transferring data?
(d) whether any steps have been taken to further secure communications between different Government departments; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(a): No specific incident has been reported to the department in this regard.

(b) to (e): "Email policy of Government of India" has been notified in the Gazette of India and circulated to all the Government Ministries & Departments. The policy clearly stipulates that only the Government provided e-mail services shall be used for official communications. The e-mail services provided by other service providers shall not be used for any official communication. Further, it has been decided to augment Government e-mail infrastructure to provide safe and secure e-mail services to all the Government employees.

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